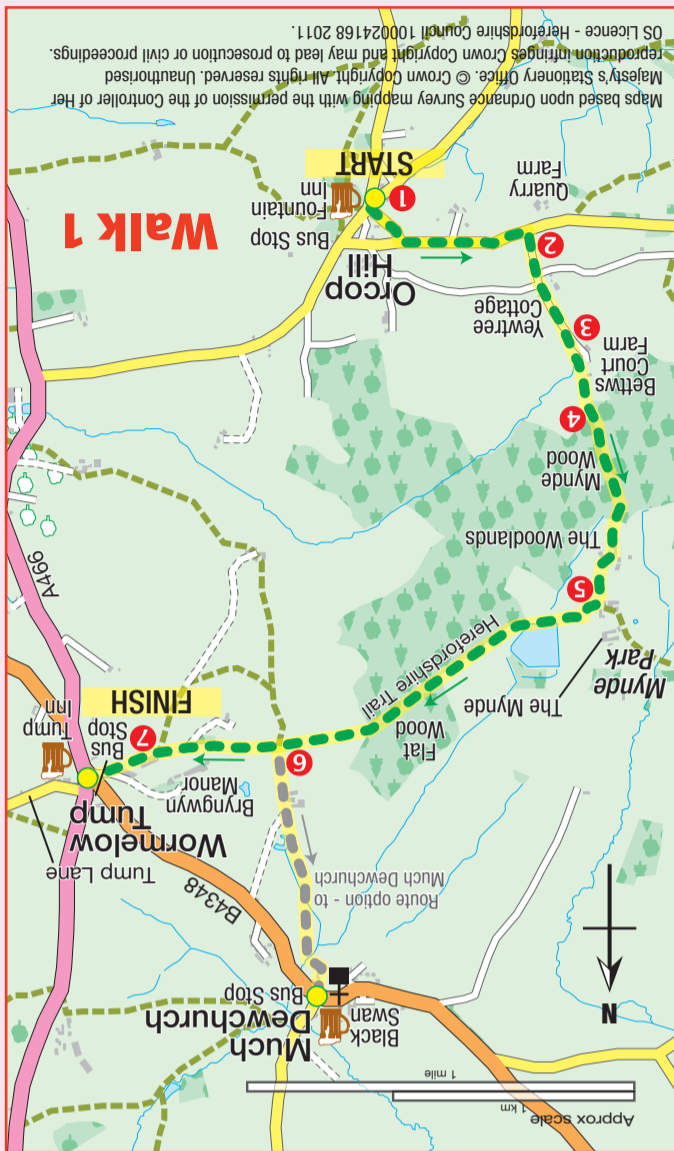


calls.
 (Kingssthorpe turning) where the 32/33 bus to Hereford
 walk up Tump Lane (10-15 minutes) to Much Birch
 Hereford opposite the Tump Inn. It is also possible to
 long since gone. Across the road is the bus stop for
 Wormelow Tump, although the tump to which it refers has
 reaching a drive, keep right to the main road junction in
 between two more tall trees. Go down this and, on
 Furniture, where there is a coffee shop), then pass
 houses and a large metal building (Simply Stunning
 Go left along a track to Wormelow Tump, passing some



Orcop Hill, walking towards Mynde Wood



19th century, to reach a kissing gate.
 of Bryngwyn, a building which dates principally from the
 remains of an old footbridge and abutments in the grounds
 field. The path enters another wood and runs beneath the
 the Black Swan pub. Otherwise, keep ahead alongside the
 (about two thirds of a mile away) to see the church or visit
 in this direction) if you want to divert to Much Dewchurch
 You can turn left here (even though there is no footpath sign

4 The path descends between tall trees, crossing three
 wider tracks. It gives out, through a small gate, into
 Mynde Park. Keep ahead to a gate to the right of some
 brick stables and outbuildings. You will see a large house,
 The Woodlands, across gardens to your right. Go through
 the gate and keep ahead with the stables to your left. On
 reaching the tarmac road go straight ahead along it to a
 junction by farm buildings just to your left.
 Turn right at this junction to join the Herefordshire Trail.
 Soon you will see an ornate gateway on the left. Turn
 right here along a track which passes a lake in the
 landscaped parkland. Look back to catch a glimpse of
 The Mynde. The track continues ahead (field left and
 wood right) then enters through a gate into woodland.
 Walk straight ahead and leave the wood through another
 gate into a field. Go through a third gate and then through
 an iron gate. Almost at once you come to a crossroads of
 paths with a notice board about farming practices on the
 left.

The Mynde



1 From the Fountain Inn, turn left and left again by the bus
 shelter and telephone kiosk, to rise to a T junction with a
 triangle of grass. Turn left then continue for about half a
 mile along the road, passing several dwellings on the left.
 Look for the Springfield Garage 'MOT's' sign on the right
 up it to pass by the garage (on left) and Yew Tree Cottage
 (on right). Ignore the tracks on the left and right. The road
 now descends and there's a great view across to
 Aconbury Hill and the Wye Valley. Half way down the hill,
 cut right to cross a stile.
 Go down the field, keeping near to the farm on your left,
 passing between two oaks and up to a stile by trees.
 Cross it and keep ahead along the field's edge to a
 corner. Turn right to drop down some thirty yards; look for
 a stile on the left, into Mynde Wood.

The Fountain Inn at Orcop Hill

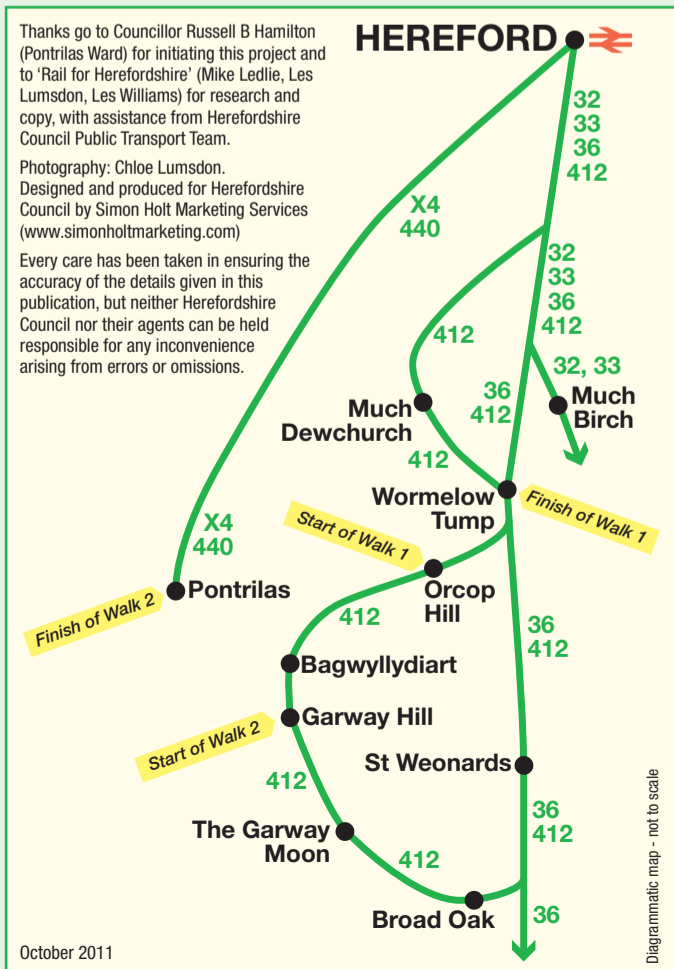


3 mile easy walk with uphill section at start. Allow 1 1/2 hours.
 OS Map: Explorer 189 Hereford and Ross-on-Wye.
 This is a linear walk from the village of Orcop Hill through
 varied countryside and with a view of one of Herefordshire's
 least known stately homes, The Mynde. Home to the Pye and
 Symons families in earlier centuries, The Mynde is of elegant
 Georgian appearance but some parts date back to medieval
 times; it was at one time surrounded by two deer parks. (The
 Mynde is not open to the public.)
 Mostly on tracks or country lanes; the section in Mynde Wood
 can get muddy. There's the Fountain Inn at the start and
 another, the Tump Inn, at the end (and the Black Swan if you
 divert to Much Dewchurch) as well as a coffee shop and
 village shop in Wormelow Tump.
 Ask the bus driver for 'Catch Corner' at Orcop Hill. The bus
 turns right here, but you should walk straight on down the hill
 to the Fountain Inn - about two minutes.

Walk 1 - Orcop Hill

The bus ride and how to get to the walks

Catch the bus from Hereford Railway Station to Orcop Hill,
 Garway Hill and Garway Common.
 Bus 412 departs at 0900 and 1250 on Mondays, Wednesdays
 and Fridays (MWF).
 Buses return from Garway Common at 1352 (MWF), 1752.
 Buses return from St Weonards at: 1111 (Bus 36), 1311 (36),
 1404 (412 MWF only), 1511 (36), 1711 (36), 1804 (412).
 Buses return from Wormelow Tump at: 1120 (Bus 36), 1320
 (36), 1410 (412 MWF only), 1520 (36), 1720 (36), 1810 (412).
 Buses return from Pontrilas (Telephone Exchange) at: 1355
 (X4), 1540 (X4), 1625 (X4), 1715 (440).
 Enjoy a circular trip on the Bus 412 from Hereford Railway
 Station on Mondays to Fridays at 1650 and on Mondays,
 Wednesdays and Fridays at 0900 or 1250.



Scenic bus ride from Hereford to Garway

The Garway bus has been described as one of the best scenic
 bus rides in the Marches. The entire circular trip takes about 1
 hour 40 minutes and throughout there are exceptional views of
 Herefordshire to the Black Mountains and across the Monnow
 Valley to Wales. It makes its way to the isolated communities
 of Orcop Hill, Bagwylydiart, Garway and Broad Oak where the
 changing landscapes can be readily appreciated.
 The bus leaves Hereford through the lowlands of the Wye
 Valley to the village of Much Dewchurch, where you'll see the
 Norman church of St David on the right and the 15th century
 pub, the Black Swan, on the left. It then passes through
 Wormelow Tump and makes a right turn to begin the climb to
 Garway Hill along lanes linking Orcop Hill and Bagwylydiart
 (this area was once part of Wales). The rich farmland in the
 valley to the left is watered by the Garren Brook and you'll
 catch a glimpse of Orcop church in the distance. On the right,
 beyond Saddlebow Common, are spectacular views across
 western Herefordshire.
 The views across the Monnow Valley into Wales simply get
 better as the bus continues to Garway, according to *A Guide
 to Slow Travel in the Marches* (Logaston Press, 2010). The 23
 acres of Garway Common, lying across from the Garway
 Moon Inn, is much loved by local people. It is a great place to
 stop awhile, to take a picnic or to visit one of the county's
 most unusual churches nearby. Take a look at *Garway Hill
 through the Ages* (Logaston Press 2007) for a good read about
 the area. The bus continues to Broad Oak, named after an
 ancient tree near to the crossroads, then back to Hereford via
 the hilltop village of St Weonards.
 This leaflet includes two walks featuring the Herefordshire
 Trail. These are point to point walks between villages and are
 based on using the 412 bus (and the 36, X4 and 440).



Service 412 at the Garway Moon Inn

The Garway Bus

A scenic bus ride to Broad Oak
 via Much Dewchurch, Wormelow Tump,
 Orcop Hill, Bagwylydiart, Garway
 and St Weonards



Walk 2 - Garway Hill

A 6-7 mile moderate walk with two main climbs. Allow 3½ hours so it is best to travel on the 0900 bus and make a day of it. OS Map: Explorer 189 Hereford and Ross-on-Wye covers the walk until Pontrilas (Outdoor Leisure 13 Brecon Beacons National Park Eastern Area)

The walk follows the Herefordshire Trail (guide book produced by the Herefordshire Ramblers available in bookshops) between the villages of Garway Hill and Pontrilas where the Dulas Brook flows into the River Dore. The path climbs to Garway Hill where there are exquisite views to the summits of the Graig, Skirrid and Sugar Loaf. The Common is one of the finest in Herefordshire and is grazed by sheep and mountain horses belonging to local Commoners.

The path then descends into the Monnow Valley, where England meets Wales, to Kentchurch church and an entrance for Kentchurch Court and Gardens, the ancestral home to the Lucas and Scudamore families throughout the centuries (see www.kentchurchcourt.co.uk). The Bridge Inn at the nearby hamlet of Kentchurch offers welcome refreshment and there's a shop and post office at Pontrilas.



Methodist Chapel at Garway Hill

Ask the driver of the 412 bus to drop you off at the chapel in Garway Hill. The return bus will be the X4 or 440 bus from Pontrilas to Hereford.

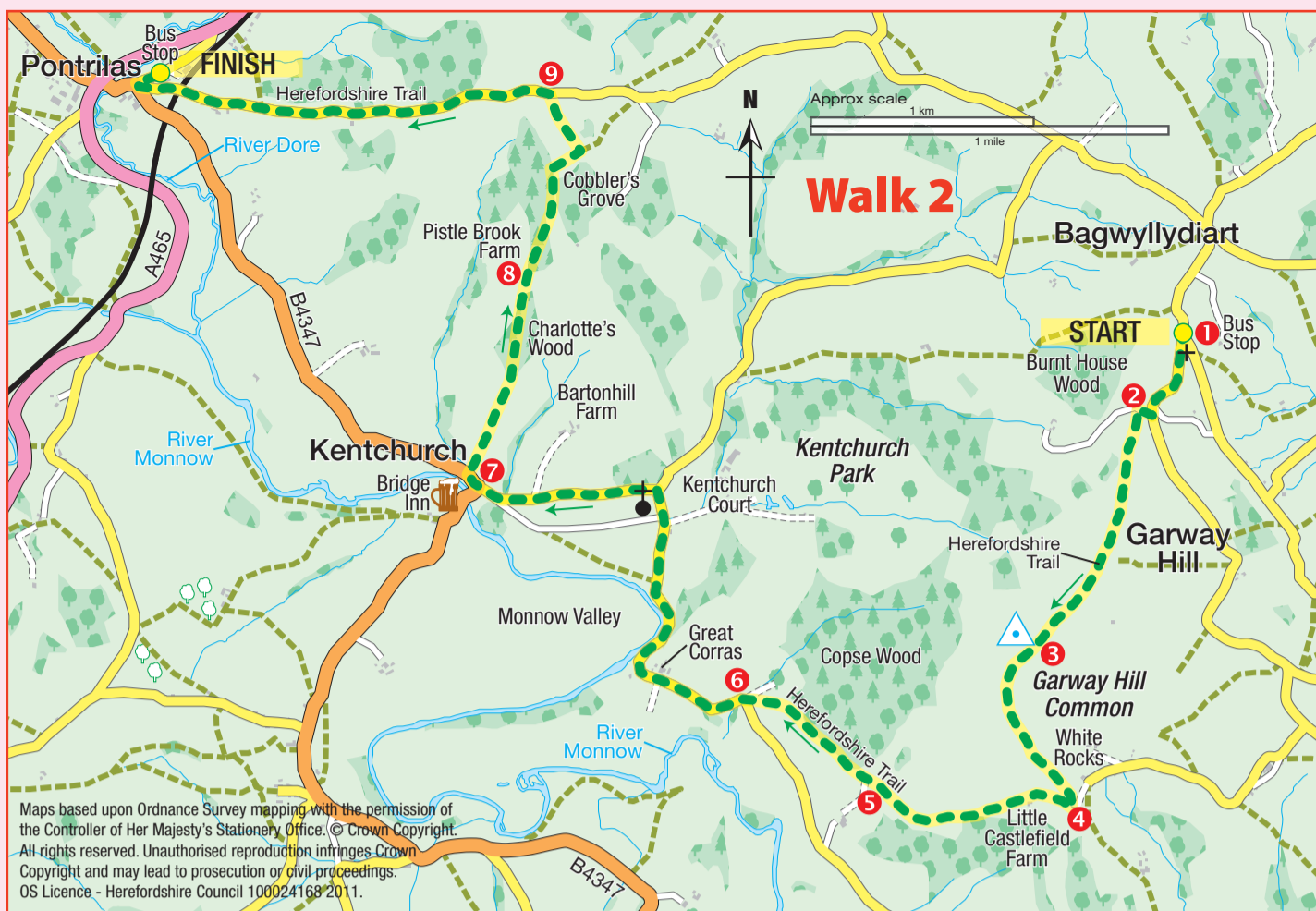
- 1 Alight from the bus at the Methodist Chapel at Garway Hill. Walk ahead (with the chapel to your left) on the road which rises and curves right towards Garway Hill. Pass a bungalow on your left, and about 150 yards beyond, go right on a track.
- 2 Before you reach the summit turn left, opposite the electricity telegraph pole, on a green track which leads to a gate. However, your way is along a track to the left of

the gate up to Garway Hill Common where a telecommunications tower stands to the left. Go through the barred gate onto the common and walk ahead on a green way between bracken to the summit. You reach the octagonal brick base of a World War II tracking station and alongside it is a trig point (triangulation pillar). The views from here, a little over 1,200 feet (366 m) above sea level, are stunning.



Trig point on Garway Hill Common

- 3 From the trig point keep ahead to descend the hillside. The green track soon forks and keep left here to follow the path as it curves steadily round to the left down the hillside. Ignore turnings to left and right. Eventually you should see a track and hedge line below on your right. Drop down to this and turn right.
- 4 Continue along the track, above Little Castlefield Farm on the left, to a barred gate next to a wooden footpath sign. Keep ahead, near the field's edge by an old sunken lane. Cross a stile in the bottom left hand corner. The path drops to a green way where you go right and then slightly left to a dirt track, part of a karting circuit. Go left to follow it around to a corner where you fork right (as indicated by a yellow arrow). Cross another track, go through bracken and then head slightly right over the tarmac track to a stile where there are superb views of the Sugar Loaf summit and the Black Mountains.
- 5 It is a relief to be back in a field where you head slightly right down the slope. Join a green track which curls down and left to a gateway. Don't go through the gateway but instead keep ahead to go over a stile by a gate at the bottom of a line of trees. Continue down the hillside with a boundary of the wood on your right. Cross a stile by a gate into a small enclosure and cross another stile to exit. Keep ahead by the wood's edge and as it bends right, turn slightly left to look for a stile. Go over it and walk to a barred gate into the next field. Now head slightly left to a barred gate to a road. *Continued top of centre column...*



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- 6 Turn right and walk for about half a mile, passing Great Corras farm and some houses, before Kentchurch church (on left) and an entrance for Kentchurch Court opposite. Just beyond you reach a road junction. Keep left here for Kentchurch where you pass by the old gatehouse to the court.
- 7 Go ahead to a telephone kiosk; turn right up a drive which leads to steps. Climb these and cross a stile to a field. Continue ahead to cross another stile and aim for the wood. Go over the stile to enter Charlotte's wood and then head slightly left. The path weaves through the wood; there are waymarks to guide you to a barred gate. Go through it and turn right to follow the wood's edge and then ahead across the field towards an old oak tree.
- 8 There are two stiles close to each other here. Don't go over the right hand one with a permissive access sign. Instead, cross the left hand into the wood.

8 Continued...

Go ahead, slightly left, between conifers to a green track. Turn left and follow this to a gap into a small enclosure. Go left again on a track to the top right corner and through a gateway. Keep ahead across the junction of tracks and look for a narrower path beneath the wood's canopy (not the wider forestry track). Exit the wood by a stile and walk across the field to another stile. Go left on the track to a road.

- 9 Turn left on the road and there's a mile road walking to Pontrilas; be mindful of traffic. As you approach the village, cross the railway below. Look for a path on the right between gardens to the old station.
- Turn left for the main street; the bus stop for Hereford is at the Telephone Exchange. If you feel like an ice cream, turn right for a short walk to the shop!

Refreshments



The Black Swan at Much Dewchurch

- Black Swan**, Much Dewchurch: open lunchtimes and from 5.30 in the evening. Tel: (01981) 540295.
- Bridge Inn**, Kentchurch: open lunchtimes Wed-Sun and from 5.00 in the evening. Tel: (01981) 240408.
- Broad Oak Garage**, Broad Oak: open Mon-Sat and sells Kelsmor ice cream made in Garway.
- Fountain Inn**, Orcop Hill: open lunchtimes from Wed-Sun and from 5.00 in evening; all day at weekends. Closed Mon. Will open at other times for walking parties - please phone. Tel: (01981) 540110.
- Garway Moon Inn**, Garway Common: open lunchtimes Wed-Fri and from 6.00 in the evening except on Tue when closed all day. Will open early for walking parties - please phone. Open all day at weekends. Accommodation available. Tel: (01600) 750270.
- Pontrilas Post Office and Shop**, Pontrilas: open Mon-Sat with early closing on Wed and at lunchtimes
- Simply Stunning Furniture**, Wormelow Tump: welcome walkers to their coffee shop, open daily: walkers are requested to remove muddy footwear - they don't mind socks!
- Tump Inn**, Wormelow Tump: open lunchtimes Tue-Fri and from 5 pm Mon-Fri. All day at weekends. Tel: (01981) 540233.
- St Weonards Post Office and Stores**: open daily and selling a wide range of products. Early closing Wed/Sun.
- Wormelow Post Office and Stores**: open Mon-Sat and selling wide range of products. Early closing Sat.

Full timetable information is available at www.herefordbus.info or by phoning traveline on 0871 200 22 33 or txt 84268.

Garway Church



Garway church

The church of St Michael at Garway is one of the most unusual in the county. Built by the Knights Templar (who supported the Crusades in the Holy Land) in the 1180s it had a circular nave of which a small section of the foundations can still be seen. The church tower was built later and the nave seen today centuries after. The church is beautiful in its simplicity, especially the Norman Chancel, and there are many other features which relate to both the Knights Templar and Knights Hospitallers. Look out for the unusual symbols carved on the south walls of the church. There's a useful guide by Audrey Tapper, on sale in the church; it will add much to the visit (see www.garway.org.uk).

To visit the church, ask the driver to stop at the road junction before Garway where the bus turns left into the village (signposted to Monmouth and Pontrilas). Walk in the direction of Pontrilas where you need to look out for a kissing gate, on the left, opposite a dwelling leading into a field. Head slightly right across the field to enter the churchyard and to the church of St Michaels. It is a ten minute walk. You can retrace your steps to the road junction and keep ahead for Garway Common. There's also an easy 45 minute walk to St Weonards (from Garway Common Bus stop) down Glasshouse Lane, which descends to the right of Yew Tree Farm, home of Kelsmor Icecream (not open to the public).



Garway church tower